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SUBJECT: OPIUM POPPY BAN: VIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN

1. AMBASSADOR VANCE TESTIFIED APRIL 10 IN FRONT OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS BUDGET. NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WERE RAISED IN REGARD TO TURKEY. (NEA/TUR DIRECTOR DILLON ALSO PRESENT.) MOST QUESTIONS FACTUAL AND ANSWERS EASILY SUPPLIED BY VANCE. IN SOME CASES VANCE UNDERTOOK TO SUPPLY DETAILS, AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS NECESSARY.

2. IN SUMMING UP HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD TURKEY, CHAIRMAN PASSMAN RECALLED THAT TURKEY HAD BEEN MAJOR RECIPIENT OF HELP FROM U.S. SINCE WWII TO TUNE OF SIX BILLION DOLLARS.

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HE SAID IN HIS OPINION TURKS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THEY

WOULD NOT BE SOVEREIGN STATE TODAY WERE IT NOT FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS NOT NOW IMPORTANT FOR TURKEY, MILITARY AID WAS STILL SIGNIFICANT. HE FELT TURKS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT MILITARY AID WOULD BE TERMINATED IF TURKEY VIOLATES ITS UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. OVER POPPIES.

3. DILLON PASSED FOREGOING TO SENIOR COUNSELOR OF TURKISH EMBASSY. NOTING THAT PASSMAN'S REMARKS WOULD BE IN PUBLIC RECORD, DILLON ADDED THAT CONGRESSMAN SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF,

AND THAT HE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONGRESSMEN AS REGARDS THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. KISSINGER

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